

## The Holivar Bulletin.

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When the air is brisk and chilly,  
And the trees are bare and grim,  
When the sun is shining brightly,  
Tracing every bending limb,  
And the earth is cold and frosty,  
Then is the time to husk the corn,  
To turn the husks and leaves  
To the feast of pumpkin pie.

Nature has its countless tokens,  
All inscribed, and all to read,  
Every flashing eye and blushing cheek  
That's with us on a night,  
And the dusky red and white  
Of the corn that's husked,  
Of the husks and leaves,  
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"Oh, I have it!" and the laughter  
Swells the merry scene to bliss,  
And the lad, the lucky finder,  
From each mallet claps a kiss,  
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Rings the bell; the feast is ready,  
Spread out in the kitchen there,  
Pumpkin pie, and chestnuts, and mince,  
Biscuits snowy white and fair,  
Jelly tart, and apple, and nut-cakes,  
Candy balls and other dainties,  
How the husks and leaves are tossed,  
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Now the violin is calling,  
Now the youngsters are a-bowling,  
Now two dozen swains are blushing—  
"First two forward, and three back!"  
Up the middle, down outside,  
And they know it all too well,  
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be so thankful that she would not care to receive the half-dollar promised us.

At first we decided that we would take turns in sitting up all night, but in talking this we both became so sleepy that we retired directly. Of course I awoke just as the clock struck midnight. Equally of course I thought I heard a sound from the stairs. The setter in the yard was barking furiously, and the terrier in the back porch was doing the same. With much trembling and a small night lamp I crept down stairs, and found Amabel just coming up from the cellar. She explained that she awoke, and when it came to her that when the explosion occurred it would be better for the spoons if they were in the cellar; that they were there now, and she thought she should rest easier to be blown up with nothing on her mind.

Having made this confession, she glanced furtively at me; then turned a little aside as she drew from the folds of the shawl she had about her a small pistol which had been in the house as our protection for several years. It was not one of the kind of which you want to do so. It was of a different kind entirely. It was a dreadful little thing, for it would fire itself any time, or it made one think it would, which amounted to much the same thing so far as nerves are concerned. She was very much frightened, and hastened to say that every barrel was empty, but she somehow had thought she should feel safer if she had the pistol with her when she went down cellar.

After this we again went to our rooms, and slept peacefully. In my dreams, however, I occasionally wondered concerning that private interview which was to take place between me and Sister Emma's sister. Amabel and I were very uneasy. Before six o'clock Amabel milked the cow, and had our daily struggle with the hens that wanted to sit. We leisurely ate our breakfast and washed the dishes. At eight there was not a sound in the room where reposed the mysterious two. The silence had not been broken at nine, and they had said they would rise at seven.

We had intended driving to the next town on business this morning, but how could we leave our lodgers had gone? I harnessed the horse into the buggy, and ostentatiously brought him around and hitched him below the guest-chamber window, talking loudly to him as I did so. After this, as the clock was striking ten, we heard a rustle above. The next moment the rustle was on the stairs, and then the speaking one stood in the door of the sitting-room. She said the Sister Emma had been quite fatigued, and could she see me privately? I conducted her into the west room, and as I went Amabel whispered that I might better take the pistol. I could appreciate her given her the same advice, just as our guests usually do. The idea vanished when she remarked with entire unexpectedness, that she had noticed that my complexion was very poor. Yes, I said, I knew that. She went on to state that she was sorry to perceive several ugly moth patches on my face. I acknowledged the truth as regards the moth patches.

"And," said this ruthless wretch, "you are no longer young."

She snapped open her bag, and without looking in it, she drew out a small bottle, two small bottles, one with white stuff in it, the other with red; also two small fragments of linen cloth. "Dr. Barlow," she began, with great cheerfulness, "this is for you. I have had both patches and that I was no longer young—Dr. Barlow had just such cases as mine in mind when he prepared this which I am introducing. It is not only entirely harmless, but full of good things for the complexion of such skin and the cuts. It is not necessary that you go through life so plain that even your friends can not—Pardon me, I must speak the truth at such times."

I winced visibly. Yes, I knew I was plain. But was I so horrible? My companion seemed so tender with me that I could not be angry. Here was one who was at last telling me the truth.

"If you will allow me to make one application now, I am sure you will be grateful to me forever, and you will never be without these two bottles."

I drew back a little, but said to myself, what if I should allow this? She softly advanced, telling me that the healing properties of Dr. Barlow's preparations were indeed wonderful.

While speaking she was cautiously passing a dot over my forehead. She stopped to look at the felly those who rejected Dr. Barlow's gift to the plain.

"Not that you will any longer be plain," she asserted.

Inwardly I said that, just as a joke, I would let her go on. I could not have been so easily influenced. She went on. In less than half an hour she drew a small mirror from her bag and held it before me. At first I thought the glass was giving the reflection of some one else, and I moved slightly that I might see my own face.

"Is it not an improvement?" she asked. "Only one dollar for the large bottles, three for two dollars and a half. No lady should be without them."

I continued looking at the reflection. I could not help smiling at the brilliance before me.

"Will it wash?" I asked, as if I were speaking of a piece of calico.

"It will require many days to wash it off," she answered proudly. "Three bottles for two dollars and a half. No lady can respect herself who does not use it. Not only is it beneficial to the pores of the skin."

stilled a cow and a few other unkindly-like "ohoras." I was assured that nothing would have any effect upon this skin or substitute for skin, it was so elastic and beneficial.

"And I could get it off?" I asked.

"Not for some days," she replied. "Would a towel and a small cake have any effect?" I next questioned.

My companion stared at me—she snapped her bag shut. She said I could have three bottles for two dollars and a half, as Dr. Barlow was desirous of benefiting the human race by the sale of his medicine. I stood still, looking at her. At this moment I heard Amabel's voice in the hall. An overpowered curiosity came to me. I pushed forward and seized Amabel's arm. I gazed at her. Her face was in its natural state. She answered my gaze with eyes that bulged from her head. At last she said, mournfully, that she never expected to live to see me enameled.

I whispered that it was beneficial to the pores of the skin, and I added, feebly, "also to the general health."

While I was saying this, Sister Emma and Sister Emma walked away.

Amabel took me into the kitchen, where there was plenty of soap and water. I was dreadfully lost some of the neighbors should come in before I could run from the room. The minister's wife came to take tea, and hastened to say that every barrel was empty, but she somehow had thought she should feel safer if she had the pistol with her when she went down cellar.

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